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DIARY NOTES

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17 March 1953

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1. [REDACTED] telephoned to inquire whether or not there was an absolute ban on construction and if I thought Mr. Wolf might be willing to listen to a proposal for additional construction in the country for Communications' laboratory and related facilities. I told him that the request would certainly be scrutinized very carefully and that the DD/A's obvious question would be why existing structures would not do, etc., but that if the Office of Communications was prepared to present a good case I was sure that it would get a sympathetic hearing. Mr. Wolf told me later that the Communications people had talked to him about this matter and that he had told them to prepare a project in detail and clear it with him prior to submission to the Project Review Committee.

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2. I inquired of Mr. [REDACTED], Special Contracting Officer, as to whether a new contract for Project [REDACTED] (for which I approved an advance of \$5,000 on 27 February) had been rewritten as agreed. Mr. [REDACTED] assured me that the contract had been rewritten on 6 March 1953. 25X1A9a

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3. [REDACTED] reports that excellent office space in the old [REDACTED] has been secured 25X1A6a

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6. Jim Garrison telephoned to say that he planned to go to [REDACTED] on Thursday and I approved. 25X1A

7. [REDACTED] reports that he is prepared to discuss the figures for the new building with Mr. Wolf any time after 1330 tomorrow. 25X1A9a

8. [REDACTED] telephoned to confirm a previous understanding that projects which were outlined in the Country Program presentation before the Project Review 25X1A9a

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Committee need not be presented to the Committee again before implementation and expenditure of funds. I reassured him that this was my understanding. He said that he thought the Finance Division might not have had this information conveyed to them. I checked with Ed Saunders and asked him to follow through and insure that the Finance Division was properly instructed in this matter.

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9. [REDACTED] telephoned to discuss a cable in which I previously concurred authorizing certain [REDACTED] transactions on the part of two individuals. He said it was his understanding that our approval of this matter was to take care of these two cases only and was not approval for general [REDACTED] transactions. I told him that this was correct. 25X1A6a

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10. Discussed with [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] flap in which we have certainly been negligent in supplying information for changes in the construction of this warehouse within the last few days. As far as I can see, there is no reason why they could not have been supplied months ago. We are now in receipt of a most unpleasant letter from the Public Buildings Service advising us that if these changes delay the over-all construction program and a claim against the Government results, CIA will be expected to pay for same. [REDACTED] advised me later that all changes were now in the hands of the Public Buildings Service, except for some minor electrical specifications desired by TSS. He also told me that the foreman on the job had informally indicated that he did not think these changes would cause delays which would result in claims; however, this is not a commitment. Bob [REDACTED] is making an investigation of this entire situation to establish the facts. 25X1A6a 25X1A9a 25X1A9a

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11. [REDACTED] requests that we arrange for a three-hour briefing for General [REDACTED] who is here on temporary duty and who has never been oriented at Headquarters. I have made these arrangements and am now waiting for an exact date on which the briefing is to be given. 25X1A9a

12. George Meloon telephoned to inquire if I knew anything about a request for thirty-three additional military positions in the Procurement and Supply Office. I told him that I did not and suggested that the Military Personnel Division and the Classification and Wage Administration Division look into this request carefully before processing further.

13. I advised Ed Saunders that it was all right for the Bureau of the Budget to use Mr. Lyman Hamilton on our business and asked him to pass this on to Mr. Macy or Mr. Perry at the Bureau of the Budget. At his suggestion I approved of his requesting the Bureau of the Budget to write us a brief letter for the record requesting permission to use Hamilton, etc.

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25X1A9a 15. After approval by the ADD/A routed to the DD/P through the CAO/DDP a memorandum from the Chief, Medical Staff, requesting authorization for overseas travel for [REDACTED], Special Assistant to the Chief, Medical Staff, on or about 1 April 1953, for the purpose of analyzing our current medical supply problems and procedures in the Far East. (ER-3-8000)

16. Forwarded to the Regulations Control Staff for publication a proposed Notice entitled, "CIA Personnel Notices", which explains the circumstances under which "P" (Personnel) Notices are issued. (ER-3-7918A)

25X1A5a 17. The ADD/A approved of the appointment of [REDACTED], to serve as an overt consultant at \$20.00 per day of service. (In view of the fact that Dr. [REDACTED] employment with CIA has been continuous—he served as an overt consultant from 20 February 1950 to 26 September 1952, at which time he resigned to accept a covert assignment—it was not felt necessary to obtain the Director's approval.) Paper was forwarded to the AD/P for action. (ER-3-8026)

18. In a letter to Mr. H. H. Goodman, Vice President, Remington Rand, Inc., the ADD/A acknowledged for the Director his letter of 11 March 1953 relative to "Systems Magazine" and indicated that the CIA Library would be informed of its existence. (Copy of letter, with background, sent to AD/OCD) (ER-3-8060)

25X1A6a 19. The ADD/A concurred in a Memorandum for the Record dated 11 March 1953 submitted by the CAO/DDP which stated that as the result of verbal approval obtained from the ADD/A, the Senior Representative, [REDACTED] was authorized to transfer \$80,000 from the currently approved allocation of funds for the [REDACTED] construction program to meet the unanticipated cost of extension of water, electricity, and steam distribution systems for the previously approved construction program [REDACTED] Copies of the memorandum were forwarded to the Comptroller, DD/P, Chief, FE, P&SO. (ER-3-7992)

25X1C4c 20. The DD/A approved of an administrative plan for NEA proprietary project [REDACTED] with one exception; i.e., "Commitments and agreements that have a major effect on the business shall have prior approval by the NEA Division with the concurrence of CM and the Comptroller and with advice of the Office of the General Counsel." The plan was returned to PAPS with instructions to insert the phrase "and the Comptroller" prior to being forwarded to the CAO/DDP.

21. The DD/A signed letters of commendation for the following individuals who are members of the Hazardous Duty Working Group, Career Service Board: [REDACTED]

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